

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 2-8, 12, 42-48, and 52 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9-11, 13-41, 49-51, and 53-80 are pending, of which claims 1, 9, 17, 34, 41, 49, 57, 74, and 76 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 12, 17-31, 34-40, 47, 52, 57-71, and 74-80 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form (*Office Action* p.6). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the allowable features of claim 7 and intervening claims 2-6 along with claim 8 (claims 2-8 are now canceled). Accordingly, claim 1 along with dependent claims 32-33 and 39-40 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the features of original claim 1 and the allowable features of claim 12 (now canceled). Accordingly, claim 9 along with dependent claims 10-11 and 13-16 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 17 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the features of original claim 1. Accordingly, claim 17 along with dependent claims 18-31 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable claim 34 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the features of original claim 1. Accordingly, claim 34 along with dependent claims 35-38 are in condition for allowance.

1 Independent claim 41 is amended to include the allowable features of
2 claim 47 and intervening claims 42-46 along with claim 48 (claims 42-48 are now
3 canceled). Accordingly, claim 41 along with dependent claims 72-73 and 79-80
4 are in condition for allowance.

5 Claim 49 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the features of
6 original claim 41 and the allowable features of claim 52 (now canceled).
7 Accordingly, claim 49 along with dependent claims 50-51 and 53-56 are in
8 condition for allowance.

9 Allowable claim 57 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the
10 features of original claim 41. Accordingly, claim 57 along with dependent claims
11 58-71 are in condition for allowance.

12 Allowable claim 74 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the
13 features of original claim 41. Accordingly, claim 74 along with dependent claims
14 75-78 are in condition for allowance.

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16 All pending claims 1, 9-11, 13-41, 49-51, and 53-80 are in condition for
17 allowance and Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 17-31,
18 34-40, 57-71, and 74-80 be withdrawn.

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20 **35 U.S.C. §102 Claim Rejections**

21 Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by
22 U.S. Patent No. 6,393,303 to Katz et al. (hereinafter, "Katz") (*Office Action* p.2).
23 Claims 2-3 are canceled.
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1 As described above in *Allowable Subject Matter*, claim 1 has been amended
2 to include the allowable features of claim 7. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable
3 over Katz and Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 rejection be
4 withdrawn.

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6 **35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections**

7 **A.** Claims 4-6, 8, and 41-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for
8 obviousness over Katz in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,735,445 to Sharony et al.
9 (hereinafter, "Sharony") (*Office Action* p.3 and p.6). Claims 4-6, 8, and 42-46 are
10 canceled.

11 **B.** Claims 9-12 and 48-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for
12 obviousness over Katz in view of Sharony, and further in view of U.S. Patent No.
13 6,839,573 to Youssefmir et al. (hereinafter, "Youssefmir") (*Office Action* p.4
14 and p.6). Claims 12, 48, and 52 are canceled.

15 **C.** Claims 32-33 and 72-73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for
16 obviousness over Katz in view of Sharony, and further in view of U.S. Patent No.
17 6,891,897 to Bevan et al. (hereinafter, "Bevan") (*Office Action* p.5 and p.6).

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19 As described above in *Allowable Subject Matter*, claim 41 is amended to
20 include the allowable features of claim 47. Accordingly, claim 41 is allowable
21 over the Katz-Sharony combination.

22 Claim 9 is rewritten as an independent claim to include the features of
23 original claim 1 and the allowable features of claim 12. Claim 49 is rewritten as
24 an independent claim to include the features of original claim 41 and the allowable
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1 features of claim 52. Accordingly, claim 9 along with dependent claims 10-11,
2 and claim 49 along with dependent claims 50-51, are allowable over the
3 Katz-Sharony-Youssefmir combination.

4 Claims 32-33 are allowable over the Katz-Sharony-Bevan combination by
5 virtue of their dependency upon allowable claim 1. Similarly, claims 72-73 are
6 allowable over the Katz-Sharony-Bevan combination by virtue of their
7 dependency upon allowable claim 41.

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9 Accordingly, all of the rejected claims 41, 9-11, 32-33, 49-51, and 72-73
10 are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests that the §103
11 rejection be withdrawn.

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13 **Conclusion**

14 Pending claims 1, 9-11, 13-41, 49-51, and 53-80 are in condition for
15 allowance. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If
16 any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged
17 to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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19 Respectfully Submitted,

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